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#### (57) Abstract

A fibronectin type III (Fn3) polypeptide monobody, a nucleic acid molecule encoding said monobody, and a variegated nucleic acid library encoding said monobody, are provided by the invention. Also provided are methods of preparing a Fn3 polypeptide monobody, and kits to perform said methods. Further provided is a method of identifying the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide molecule capable of binding to a specific binding partner (SBP) so as to form a polypeptide:SSP complex, and a method of identifying the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide molecule capable of catalyzing a chemical reaction with a catalyzed rate constant,  $k_{\text{cat}}$ , and an uncatalyzed rate constant,  $k_{\text{uncat}}$ , such that the ratio of  $k_{\text{cat}}/k_{\text{uncat}}$  is greater than 10.

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